(b) The State Government of Orissa has enacted the Orissa Minerals (Prevention of Theft, Smuggling and other Unlawful Activities) Act 1989 and Orissa Minerals (Prevention of Theft, Smuggling and other Unlawful Activities) Rules, 1990. State level Task Force/Flying Squads as well as District level Task Forces have been constituted by Govt. of Orissa to curb illegal mining.

(c) and (d) During the last three years (upto December, 2006) 12 cases of illegal mining of iron ore have been detected in the Mayurbhanj district by the Mining Department, Govt. of Orissa. 450.940 Metric Tonnes of iron ore has been seized and a penalty amount of Rs. 3,75,000 has been realised.

Survey of Minerals in Chhattisgarh

†3419. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the organisations which have been given permission to conduct aerial survey and survey by other means to find out reserves of gold, diamond, iron and bauxite in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the date on which this order was issued;

(c) the date on which the survey reports were received; and

(d) the location-wise details regarding quantum of reserves of the said minerals found in Jashpur, Sarguja and Raigarh districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) to (d) The details of prior approval of Government of India for grant of Reconnaissance Permits (RP), which involve aerial survey and survey by other means, for gold, diamond, iron ore etc. in Chhattisgarh conveyed to the State Government and dates of receipt of annual reports submitted by the RP holders to the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below). As per available information, no prior approval for grant of RP for bauxite in Chhattisgarh has been given. Since RP is granted for assessment of mineral resources and mineral reserves can be established only after further detailed exploration, no quantum of mineral reserves have been reported in the State of Chhattisgarh by the RP holders in their reports to the IBM.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Details of survey conducted for minerals in Chhattisgarh

(As on 30.4.2007)

Sl. No.	Name of RP holder/District	Date of prior approval	Date of receipt of annual report by IBM
1.	**M/s De Beers India Survey (P) Ltd.**		
	(i) Raipur & Mahasamund	30.7.2002	February, 2006
	(ii) Durg	30.7.2002	July, 2005
	(iii) Rajnandgaon &Durg	30.7.2002	March, 2006
	(iv) Durg, Kanker & Dhamtari	30.7.2002	July, 2006
	(v) Raipur & Mahasamund	30.7.2002	February, 2005
2.	**M/s. ACC Rio Tinto Exploration Ltd.**		
	(i) Raipur & Mahasamund	30.7.2002	January, 2006
	(ii) Raipur, Dhamtari & Baster	28.10.2002	March, 2006
	(iii) Raipur	28.10.2002	March, 2006
	(iv) Raipur & Mahasamund	28.10.2002	May, 2006
	(v) Raigarh, Jashpur & Sarguja	30.6.2003	December, 2006
	(vi) Sarguja & Jashpur	30.6.2003	December, 2006
3.	**M/s. Geo Mysore Services India Pvt. Ltd.**		
	(i) Rajnandgaon	30.7.2002	January, 2006
	(ii) Kanker	30.7.2002	January, 2006
	(iii) Jashpur	30.7.2002	January, 2006
4.	**M/s. BHP Khanij Anveshan Pvt. Ltd.**		
	(i) Bastar	30.6.2003	December, 2006
	(ii) Baster	30.6.2003	December, 2006
	(iii) Dantewada	30.7.2003	Not received
	(iv) Bastar, Kanker & Durg	30.7.2003	Not received
	(v) Dantewada	30.7.2003	Not received
5.	**M/s Emperor Granite Pvt. Ltd.**		
	(i) Jagdalpur (Bastar)	30.5.2003	Not received
	(ii) Kanker	30.7.2002	Not received
6.	**M/s B. Vijay Kumar Technical Services Pvt. Ltd.**		
	(i) Raipur, Dhamtari	30.7.2002	Not received
7.	**M/s Meera Exploration Pvt. Ltd.**		
	(i) Rajnandgaon	30.7.2002	January, 2006
8.	**M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.**		
	(i) Jashpur	5.8.2004	June, 2006